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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

After three long years of costly court battles, the federal government has settled its antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. This settlement will have profound implications for all software publishers, the rest of the American Information Technology industry and American consumers.

Under the agreement, Microsoft is forced to grant computer makers new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. The companies will now be free to remove the means by which consumers access various features of Windows. They can now replace access to those features with access to non-Microsoft software.

Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows - as well as computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system.

Enough is enough. No more litigation against Microsoft is needed on the federal level. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Rick Santorum